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UPDATE: Salisbury Fire Marshal Releases Cause of Lyerly Funeral Home Fire

Salisbury_North Carolina_April 16 – Salisbury Fire Marshal, Terry Smith has identified the cause of the business structural fire at Lyerly Funeral Home, 515 S. Main Street, as accidental due to failure of a furnace system located in a mechanical room.

The Salisbury Fire Department was dispatched at approximately 12:20 p.m. on Friday, April 13, to Lyerly Funeral Home in response to what quickly became a four alarm fire with multiple departments throughout Rowan County and the Charlotte Fire Department providing mutual aid. Crews managed the fire in a defensive mode of operation well into Friday evening.

On Saturday, April 14 investigators assessed the structural integrity of the building to determine what additional resources would be needed to safely enter the structure and begin a complete investigation. A complete fire investigation began this morning, April 16, by the Salisbury Fire Department in collaboration the State Bureau of Investigation (SBI) and the insurance carrier for Lyerly Funeral Home.

This release signifies the completion of the investigation by the Salisbury Fire Department and collaborative agencies. Additional details regarding this incident are not expected. Media inquiries may be directed to Elaney Hasselmann, Public Information Officer at (704) 762-1008.

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